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1. [redacted] the main Russian forces in Bulgaria, with the exception of a few stationed in Sofia, were all concentrated in the area bounded by the following cities: Pazardzhik, Haskovo, Kihovo, Burgas, Varna, Sliven, Stara Zagora and Plovdiv, and that there were no Russian troops in the so-called "forbidden zone" which consists of an area 25 kilometers in depth on the southern and western borders.

2. [redacted] neither the Russian troops in Bulgaria nor the Bulgarian Army itself was in a position to wage an offensive war. At the present time their equipment and supplies are totally inadequate. This does not preclude the possibility that in the future they will be prepared for such operations.

3. [redacted] under the direction of the Russians the Bulgars are rushing to completion a north-south highway 15 meters wide extending from the Danube at Ruse, through the Balkan mountains to the southern border. At present the greatest efforts are being put forth on the Hain Boas Pass crossing the Balkan range. The strategic purpose of this road is to be able to move troops with great rapidity from the Danube to the Turkish border.

4. [redacted] the overall Russian plan contained three main points of attack. They are in order of importance:

- A southeasterly sweep through Bulgaria into Turkey to cut and hold the Dardanelles. This attack would serve to protect in one quick operation the vast "underbelly" of Russia and her satellites on the Black Sea from invasion by an American fleet.
- Secondly, to knife south to the Persian Gulf in order to seal off that point of entry for American troops. The Russians have not forgotten, he said, how effectively the United States brought supplies in there during the last war for shipment into the Soviet Union. Once this point was secured, part of this invading army would cut west to take and hold the Suez Canal.

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25X1 c. The next drive would be due west, jumping off from the "curtain countries", driving through France, then turning south through Spain to Gibraltar. This would give them complete control of the Middle East, Europe and the Mediterranean Sea. The next objective would be England.

5.  the present Russian forces were nearly adequate to accomplish this plan before the United States could bring an effective force to bear on them.

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